

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3484

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USICA INFO CANBERRA JUL 12  
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION INFO

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FOR JURVIS, EA.

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: ACCIDENT IN OFFICIAL VEHICLE

1. OUR DRIVER/MESSENGER, DENMARK DANDI, HAD SERIOUS  
ACCIDENT WHILE EN ROUTE TO PICK ME UP IN POST'S OFFICIAL  
VEHICLE, JULY 5. NO ONE WAS HURT, BUT APPROXIMATELY  
US\$2800 DAMAGE WAS DONE TO OUR CAR AND US\$1200 TO OTHER  
VEHICLE.

2. I WAS TIED UP HERE WITH SENATOR GLENN AND HOLBROOKE  
DURING MORNING, JULY 5, AND WENT TO HONIARA WITH THEM THAT  
AFTERNOON. THUS, AM JUST NOW PIECING TOGETHER DETAILS OF  
WHAT HAPPENED.

3. POLICE CHARGE DENMARK WITH DRUNKEN DRIVING, BUT DID  
NOT COMPLETE ACCIDENT REPORT. DENMARK DISPUTES POLICE  
CHARGE, BUT NEVERTHELESS IT APPEARS THAT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR ACCIDENT. OTHER DRIVER CLAIMS HE SWUNG INTO HER LANE  
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WHILE TURNING ON TO STREET ON WHICH SHE WAS TRAVELING.  
WITNESSES SUPPORT OTHER DRIVER'S CLAIM.

4. OTHER DRIVER CARRIES FULL INSURANCE. EMBASSY POLICY  
IS TO CARRY ONLY THIRD PARTY, PERSONAL LIABILITY  
INSURANCE. THUS, OUR POLICY WILL NOT COVER DAMAGES TO  
EITHER CAR.

5. OUR CAR IS 1976 HOLDEN KINGWOOD STATION WAGON. IT WOULD BE WORTH APPROXIMATELY US\$4000 ON LOCAL MARKET IF RESTORED TO ORIGINAL CONDITION. REPAIRS WOULD TAKE 4 - 6 WEEKS, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF PARTS. SOME PARTS WOULD HAVE TO BE ACQUIRED IN AUSTRALIA.

6. LOCAL HOLDEN DEALER WILL GIVE US APPROXIMATELY US\$1000 FOR OUR CAR AS IS ON TRADE FOR NEW MODEL. DUTY FREE PRICE FOR NEW SIX CYLINDER, HOLDEN STATION WAGON WITH AIR CONDITIONING, RADIAL TIRES, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION: US \$8700 (KINA 6200).

7. RECOMMEND WE BUY NEW VEHICLE LOCALLY IF FUNDS AVAILABLE. THAT IS NOT ONLY MOST CONVENIENT ALTERNATIVE, BUT SHOULD SAVE US MONEY IN THE LONG RUN. COST: APPROXIMATELY US \$8900 (NEW CAR PLUS REPAIR OF OTHER VEHICLE).  
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